

## LEAVING TRACES. LIVING POLITICS IN THE CITY

Public space and life in the polis were from the beginning tightly connected, both in terms of city governance and shared actions of its inhabitants. Whether carefully designed or loosely articulated, public space shapes behavior, providing a frame for the norms and rules of society. At the same time, it implicitly invites transgression. From the agora of Athens to the central squares in the former Communist Bloc, from the streets of San Francisco to the paths in the favelas or other informal communities, public spaces are arenas of political expression, where official discourse and unofficial voices meet/overlap/come into conflict with each other.

If official channels of political discourse are well-documented and built into the socio-political structures of modern society, unofficial means of expression are less studied. From explicit forms of protest to furtive integration, we are particularly interested in scenarios where distinctions between official and unofficial political discourses become blurred. This symposium will examine how unofficial political

voices are made manifest in the urban realm by focusing on one or more of the following questions: What tactics are used to make these unofficial voices “audible”? How does political expression turn the city into a space of dynamic visuality? What is the impact of ephemeral events on public space?

By questioning a certain normativity (but not only), we seek to stress the connections and the tensions between officially shaped (and designed) public spaces and unofficially used, occupied or appropriated places and/or itineraries. By viewing political expressions—be they official or unofficial—in this way, we also want to question the very meaning of “what is political”.

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### SYMPOSIUM

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Thursday 22 and Friday 23,  
November 2018

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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018

### ENSAB

- 9H00 Welcome/Coffee  
9H15 Introductory speech  
9H30 **Welcome**  
**Flavia Marcello**, Swinburne University, Melbourne  
Framing the symposium

### PUBLIC SPACE

Chair: H  l  ne Janni  re, Universit   Rennes 2

- 10H00 **Alexandra Biehler**,   cole nationale sup  rieure d'architecture de Marseille  
Les conditions de l'  mergence d'Espaces Publics :   tudes de cas     
Ouagadougou et Marseille
- 10H20 **Sahjabin Kapi  r**, UNICEF, Dhaka & **Papon Dev**, Technische Universit  t  
Berlin, Correlation between Political Discourse and Public Space in  
Metropolis: A Case Study from Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 10H40 Discussions
- 11H00 **Coffee break**
- 11H20 **Nuno Grancho**, Instituto Universitario de Lisboa  
Space, ritual and display in the colonial city of Diu
- 11H40 **Maja Babic**, (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)  
Macedonia Square: negotiating the present
- 12H00 Discussion
- 12H30 **Lunch Break**

### THE POLITICIZED POLIS

Chair: Lionel Prigent, Universit   de Bretagne Occidentale, Brest

- 14H00 **Barbara Rief Vernay**, (Technische Universit  t Wien)  
The Spittelberg quarter (Vienna) 1975 - 2018: From Contestation Zone  
to Touristic Showcase
- 14H20 **Pavel Kunysz**, Universit   de Li  ge  
Building (in) the void: Enquiry on the roles for architects faced with the  
multiplicity of imaginaries of an urban void
- 14H40 **Tracey Bowen**, University of Toronto, Mississauga  
Visualizing Gentrification: Marginalized voices speak through the writing  
on the walls

- 15H00 Discussion
- 15H30 **Coffee break**
- 16H00 Round table: **What are the Rules about Breaking Rules?**  
**Chair:** Ian Woodcock, Centre for Urban Research RMIT University, Melbourne  
**Panel:** Marion Hohlfeldt, Flavia Marcello, Carmen Popescu, Frederic Sofinel.
- 17H30 Discussion
- 18H00 Closing

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2018

*Maison des Sciences de l'Homme en Bretagne*

- 9H00 **Welcome/Coffee**

### APPROPRIATING THE CITY

Chair: Marion Hohlfeldt, Universit   Rennes 2

- 9H30 **Francesca Romana Dell'aglio**, Royal College of Art, London  
Saint Paul's Cathedral: The rise and fall of collective space in London
- 9H50 **Claudia Faraone & Giovanna Muzzi**, (Universit   degli Studi di Padova &  
Universit   Ca'Foscari Venezia)  
Urban Space and Collective Practices as a Political Matter
- 10H10 **Daniel Talesnik**, (Technische Universit  t, Munich)  
S  o Paulo's Avenida Paulista
- 10H30 Discussion
- 11H00 **Coffee break**

### ART AS A POLITICAL TOOL

- 11H30 **Colleen Kron**, (Ohio State University, Columbus)  
Myth on the Wall: Classical Antiquity in Contemporary Street Art
- 11H50 **Catherine Grout**,   cole Nationale Sup  rieure d'Architecture et de Paysage  
de Lille  
Traces et monde commun
- 12H10 **Dimitri Szuter**, (  cole nationale sup  rieure d'architecture Paris La Vilette)  
La transgression: un espace pour faire bouger les lignes de l'invention!
- 12H30 Discussions
- 13H00 **Lunch Break**
- 14H30 Final debate/ **Carmen Popescu**, ENSAB: Wrap up
- 16H00 Closing